



United States Mint Unveils 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar Designs at Historic Doughboy Stadium

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COLUMBUS, Ga. — Officials from the United States Mint and National Infantry Foundation, joined by Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipients, unveiled designs for the 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar today at Fort Benning's historic Doughboy Stadium.

"The United States Mint wanted infantry soldiers and their families to be the first people in the nation to see the designs of this new U.S. commemorative silver dollar being created in their honor," said B. B. Craig, Associate Director of Sales and Marketing for the bureau. "So we have come here tonight, joined by these distinguished guests, to unveil the coin designs of the 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar for the first time."

Public Law 110-357 – the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act of 2008 – authorizes the United States Mint to mint and issue up to 350,000 silver dollar coins to commemorate the legacy of the U. S. Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. A \$10 surcharge included in the price of each coin is authorized to be paid to the National Infantry Foundation.

Marv Levy, former head coach of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills, conducted the coin toss using a prototype of the 90 percent silver dollar for the football game between the Fort Benning Doughboys and the Columbus State University Cougars. The coin's designs are emblematic of the courage, pride, sacrifice, sense of duty, and history of the U.S. Infantry. The obverse (heads side) features a modern Infantry soldier on rocky ground charging forward and beckoning the troops t.

follow, symbolizing the "Follow Me" motto of the Infantry. Inscriptions are *LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST* and *2012*. The coin's reverse (tails side) features the crossed rifles branch insignia of the Infantry, with the inscriptions *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ONE DOLLAR* and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*.

Digital images of the 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar are available at <http://www.usmint.gov/news/image-library/news-image-gallery>.

The 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar will be available in both proof and uncirculated qualities. Customer demand will determine the ratio of proof and uncirculated coins produced. The United States Mint expects to offer the coin for sale in February 2012.

The United States Mint, created by Congress in 1792, is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

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